



Office of Administrative Services  
Freedom of Information Act Office

December 17, 2015

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Independence, MO 64051

Dear Mr. Crick:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request GSA-2016-000195 dated October 30, 2015, in which you requested the following records pertaining to the federal office building located at 8930 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri: original construction records; records of renovation or additions; records of electrical work performed by Evans Electric during the period of 1965-1969; records of asbestos bulk sample testing, any asbestos survey and records of asbestos removal at that facility.

In response to your request, we have attached all known original construction drawings, electrical work performed by Evans Electric during the period 1965-1969, and records pertaining to asbestos. As regards to the scope of these records, it should be noted that GSA disposes of records, either by outright destruction or through transfer of ownership to National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), in accordance with the official Records Disposition Schedules, OAD P 1820.2A. In the case of construction records, defined by Schedule 6 (copy included) to include construction of new buildings, extension, remodeling, conversion, alteration and repair of government-owned or operated buildings, and associated work related to equipment and grounds, the maximum retention time is ten years following the end of the fiscal year in which the construction is complete. This maximum retention time means that many of the records associated with construction projects in the building no longer exist. The fact the records do not exist does not constitute a denial of access.

In addition, because of concerns for physical and electronic data security at USDA's National Information Technology Center at 8930 Ward Parkway, we are withholding records of later renovations and additions to the original construction. This is done in accordance with exemption 2 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §§552(b)(2), which pertains to information that relates solely to the internal practices of an agency, release of which would risk circumvention of agency operation and cause agency harm. The withheld information relates to building security and is considered critical infrastructure information that, if released to the public, could reasonably be expected to lead to security breaches or other harm.

Finally, we withheld actual signatures in accordance with the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 52(b)(6). This is done because public disclosure of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Based on the above information, this constitutes a partial denial of your request. You have the right to appeal this partial denial of records and the adequacy of GSA's records search under FOIA. To do so, you must write within 120 days of your receipt of this letter to

U.S. General Services Administration  
Freedom of Information Act Requester Service Center  
1800 F Street, Northwest, Room 7308  
Washington, DC 20405-0001

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe the requested information should be released. Enclose a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this request. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact John Topi at (816) 823-4903 or at [john.topi@gsa.gov](mailto:john.topi@gsa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Travis Lewis*

FOIA Program Manager

Enclosures